

CONTACT MEMO

Date: April 16, 1997
Contact: Various
Subject: Supplemental Water Purchase Plan

This memo summarizes my recent conversations with various people regarding DWR's Supplemental Water Purchase Program draft PEIR. To date, I have spoken with the following people about the document, some of whom called me to ask about CALFED's role in the program:

- 1) Pat Minturn, Shasta County Department of Public Works
- 2) Dan Keppen, Tehama County Public Works
- 3) Rich Golb, Northern California Water Association
- 4) Dana Wiyninger and Barbara Baltimore, Sutter County Environmental Health
- 5) William Richardson, Farm Advisor.

The common theme was concern over the lack of notification regarding the program and how the program will integrate with CALFED activities on conjunctive use. In addition, the following points were made during my discussions:

- the document took many people by surprise in Tehama County, including County supervisors
- why weren't the various agencies (public works, health departments) involved in the preparation of the document?
- why hasn't an independent assessment of Sacramento Valley water needs been performed, and why not satisfy those needs first, since they are likely to be minimal compared to the needs of the other interests?
- how are agricultural resources going to be protected?
- many indicated they would be agreeable to conjunctive use programs provided an adequately monitored pilot program was performed first
- the lack of stakeholder participation is further evidence that DWR does not care about Sacramento Valley concerns
- if CALFED is looking to take 500,000 acre-feet out of the Sacramento Valley through conjunctive use, DWR is wanting 400,000 acre-feet, and CUWA-ag is also looking for water, how will that be accomplished or coordinated for maximum efficiency and so that Sacramento Valley interests are protected?

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I also spoke with Scott Jercich, Kathy Kelly and Susan Tatayon about the document and about extending the comment period. I understand from Kathy that the comment period has been extended by 45 days and that a notice will be mailed shortly.

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